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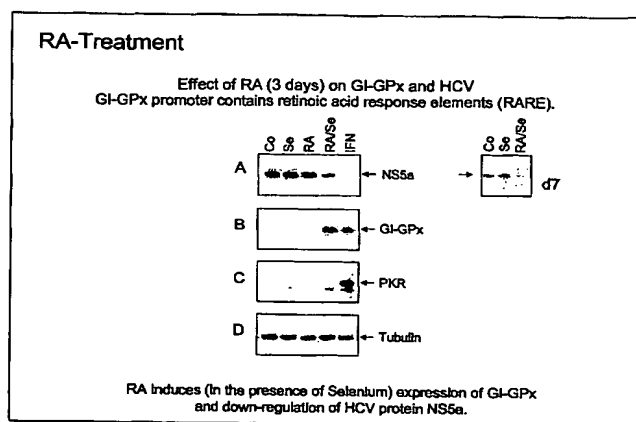
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates generally to chemical compounds and substances which are effective against Hepatitis C virus (HCV) infections. Moreover, the present invention relates to compositions comprising said compounds and/or substances, to methods for preventing HCV infections as well use of the compounds and/or substances for the preparation of compositions useful for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of HCV infections. Useful compounds and substances according to the invention are selenium, selenium salts, Vitamin D₃ and retinoids, like all trans retinoic acid and salts thereof, C₁ - C alkyl amide of all trans retinoic acid and salts thereof, C₁ - C₁₀ alkyl esters of all trans retinoic acid and salts thereof, 9-cis retinoic acid and salts thereof, C₁ - C₁₀ alkyl amide of 9-cis retinoic acid and salts thereof, C₁ - C₁₀ alkyl esters of 9-cis retinoic acid and salts thereof, (E)-4-[2 (5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetra methyl-2-naphthalenyl-1-propenyl) benzoic acid (TTNPB), (4-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl) carboxamido] benzoic acid (AM-580), N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) retinamide (4-HPR), and 6-[3-(1- adamantyl) -4-hydroxyphenyl]-2-naphthalene carboxylic acid (AHPN).



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